


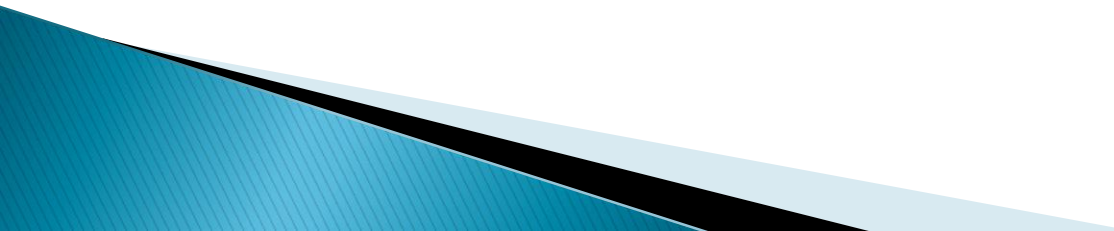
Tomorrow When the War Began

The setting – why Australia?

How would the novel have been different if set in a different country?

- ▶ Reasons for invading would be different (Australia – lots of space, quality lifestyle)
 - ▶ Knowledge of bush an advantage – Australian bush is seemingly impenetrable
 - ▶ Group might not have farm knowledge required to use farming equipment to sabotage army
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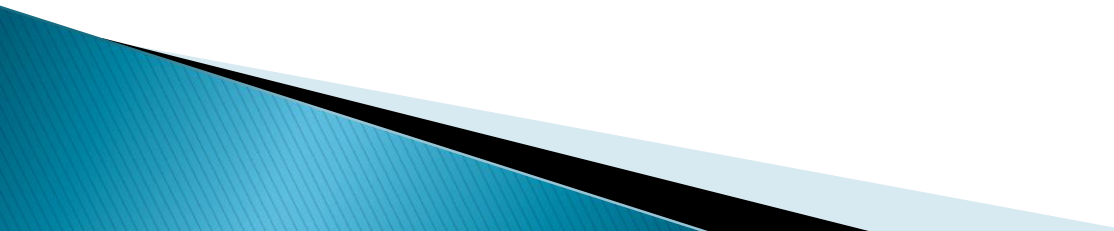
1780's – 1840's Gold Rush

- ▶ Chinese immigrants were used as cheap labour force
 - ▶ They were hard for Europeans to accept (faith, dress, appearance, language, culture)
 - ▶ Competition for gold led to conflict
 - ▶ Laws were passed to restrict immigration
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1850's – transportation of convicts

- ▶ Because of this there was a labour shortage for shepherds and labourers
- ▶ Chinese workers began to arrive for the work

World War II

- ▶ Japan's push to take over Asia
 - ▶ Attacks on Darwin, Broome and Sydney. People thought an invasion was imminent
 - ▶ 8000 Australians died in Japanese POW camps
 - ▶ Displaced people from war (Poland, Italy, Greece) moved to Australia
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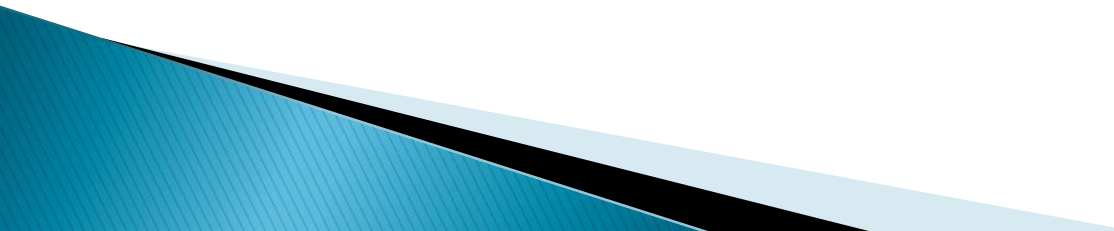
1970's Multicultural Australia

- ▶ Australia became more multi-cultural as its population became more diverse
- ▶ Vietnamese after war, Turkey and Lebanon

1990's onward

- ▶ Australia was a leader in the restoration of East Timor after Indonesia invaded, as well as the Bali bombings and Solomon Islands peacekeeping

Why is this important?

- ▶ This history suggests real reasons for potential animosity between nations although
 - ▶ John Marsden is careful to keep the invading country anonymous throughout the entire series.
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And now to Hell...

- ▶ Page 4 Tailor's Stitch (sharp mountain ridge)
- ▶ Tailor's Stitch p 17–9
- ▶ Descent to Hell 31–2

What are the connotations of

- ▶ Hell?
 - ▶ Satan's Steps?
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